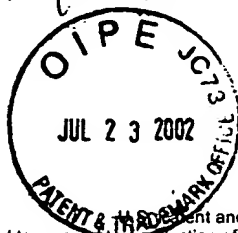


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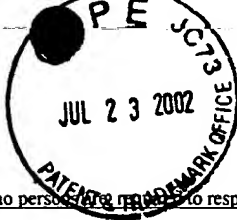
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AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully submits the following in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2002:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A nasopharyngeal catheter for open delivery of a continuous flow of air/oxygen into a patient's distal nasopharynx or oropharynx to supplement a patient's spontaneous respiration in treatment of respiratory failure, respiratory insufficiency, or sleep apnea syndrome, said nasopharyngeal catheter comprising:

a nasal catheter having a proximal end and a distal end adapted to extend through a patient's nose and into the patient's distal nasopharynx or oropharynx without obstructing the patient's spontaneous respiration;

a delivery tube adapted to extend below the patient's nostril connected to the proximal end of the nasal catheter; and

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